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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS ROUNDUP: AFRICA

1. ANGOLA: RECENT VIOLENCE IN ANGOLA WAS SUBJECT OF MAY 9 MEETING OF GOP NATIONAL DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION. COMMISSION ANNOUNCED CURRENT GOP EFFORTS TO HOLD NEW SUMMIT BETWEEN GOP AND THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS FOR PURPOSE OF REVISING ALVOR AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO MAY 12 PORTUGUESE PRESS, FNLA HAS CATEGORICALLY REFUSED TO ATTEND ANY SUMMIT IF GOP IS REPRESENTED.

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2. IN MAY 12 INTERVIEW, GOP MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS CHARACTERIZED CRITICS OF GOP POLICY IN ANGOLA AS IDEALISTS WHO ELEVATE IDEOLOGY OVER PRAGMATISM IN CONTRAST TO GOP WHICH HAS TO FACE HARD QUESTIONS IN TERRITORY SUCH AS WELFARE OF EMIGRANTS AND GOP MILITARY, AND SAFEGUARDING THE PEACE. SANTOS SAID GOP IS ACCUSED OF PARTISAN ACTIVITY FROM ALL SIDES AND IS CAUGHT IN "CROSSFIRE OF COMMUNISM" FROM ALL THREE GROUPS.

3. IN SAME INTERVIEW, SANTOS NOTED GOP HAS ESTABLISHED INSTITUTE OF SUPPORT FOR RETURNING NATIONALS (INSTITUTO DE APOIO AO REGRESSO DE NACIONAIS-IARN) APPOINTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO OPERATE WITHIN SANTOS' MINISTRY. IARN WILL ABSORB THREE ESTABLISHED GOP ORGANIZATIONS OF SIMILAR NATURE. SANTOS SAID IARN IS NOT PREPARED FOR A MASSIVE INFLUX OF WHITES FROM ANGOLA.

4. GUINEA-BISSAU, CAPE VERDE, AND SAO TOME: GOP DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. FERNANDO REINO, MEMBER OF NATIONAL DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION AND DIRECTOR OF COORDINATING CABINET FOR COOPERATION HAS DEPARTED CAPE VERDE AND IS NOW HOLDING HIGH LEVEL TALKS WITH PAIGC LEADERS IN BISSAU. TALKS REPORTEDLY ARE CENTERED ON FINANCIAL MATTERS INCLUDING FORMS OF GOP ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU, GOP FINANCING OF NEW AIRPORT FOR BISSAU, PORTUGUESE BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE EFFECTS OF GOP'S NATIONALIZATION OF PORTUGUESE BANKS. REINO MISSION WILL VISIT SAO TOME NEXT BEFORE RETURNING TO LISBON.

5. COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF IARN IS ANOTHER SIGN OF INCREASED NERVOUSNESS ON PART OF GOP OVER DETERIORATION OF SECURITY SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND THE LIKELY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE IN ANGOLA WHO WILL OPT FOR A RETURN TO THE HOMELAND.
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